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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO PRIORITY

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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TAGS: PFOR, EC, US, EFIS

SUBJECT: TUNA VESSEL SEIZURES

REF: QUITO 617, GUAYAQUIL 136

MEXICO FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

1. DESK INFORMED ECUADOREAN EMBASSY ABOUT REPORTS OF TUNA  
VESSEL SEIZURES BY PHONE EARLY AFTERNOON 25 JANUARY.

ECUADOREAN CHARGE GABELA UNAWARE OF SEIZURES AND THAT  
SAME AFTERNOON HE CALLED BACK TO REPORT HE HAD SPOKEN  
WITH FONMIN SUBSECRETARY IN QUITO WHO ALSO HAD NOT YET

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LEARNED OF ECUADOREAN NAVY ACTION. CHARGE PROMISED FULL

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2. ECUADOREAN CHARGE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON CREDENTIAL CEREMONY PLANNED FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE CARDENAS AT WHITE HOUSE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 29 JANUARY. DESK STATED THAT HIS ASSESSMENT WAS THAT NO CHANGE IN PLANS AMB-DES APPEARED NECESSARY. HOWEVER, DESK AND CHARGE AGREED THAT SEIZURES TOOK PLACE AT EMBARRASSING MOMENT AND GABELA SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK HIS GOVERNMENT EXPEDITE RELEASE PROCEDURES.

3. AMB BREWSTER INFORMED OF TUNA VESSEL SEIZURES ABOUT SAME TIME. HE EXPRESSED FULL CONFIDENCE IN STAFF AND SAID HE PLANNED NO CHANGE IN RETURN PLANS.

4. INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE SUGGESTED TO DEPT THAT GOE MAY NOT BE ANXIOUS FOR SERIOUS CONFRONTATION REGARDING SEIZURE PROBLEM AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF PENDING GOE LOAN APPLICATION WITH UNNAMED IFI FOR PURCHASE FISHING VESSELS, PRESUMABLY TUNA BOATS. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO EMBASSY MAY HAVE OR CAN OBTAIN CONCERNING THIS.

5. LEGAL EFFECT OF SEIZURES ON FMS AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER STUDY. KISSINGER

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